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Editor's note: This is the issue of CALPEEK where we wrap up the various Demo & GOP primary battles for Statewide, Legislative & House seats and take a brief & final look at ballot measures...

Statewide Constitutional Offices

● **Governor** - The primary on the Demo side ended 2 weeks ago after the debates. State Treasurer Kathleen Brown has led from start to finish, but IC John Garamendi has taken a last shot on TV, bashing Brown on the death penalty. *Too little, too late*. Sources say Brown will end up with 45-47%; Garamendi may get into the mid 30% range; and State Sen. Tom Hayden, the big surprise, could finish with 14-17% -- or higher. FYI: Brown's TV is only *fair* and that's being generous. And her TV hit aimed at Garamendi's handling of the Executive Life mess is too complex for a 30-sec. TV ad because very few voters know what this fiasco is all about, sources say...

...Of more interest is GOP primary, where Gov. Pete Wilson will win the primary. However, it has been fun watching underdog conservative Ron Unz use Wilson as a punching bag on issue after issue. CALPEEK sources are sure Unz will break 30% and some think he'll go over 35%. In the debate on KABC Radio May 27th, Wilson *dismissed* the Unz candidacy, saying any opponent could get 30%. Sorry, Pete, but Williams, Greene & Bullock (your 1990 primary opponents) only managed 12.5% between them. So the 30% theory doesn't wash. And should Louis D'Arrigo & Jim Hart, two others running in the June GOP primary, get 3% each, it's possible Wilson could be *under 60%* if Unz goes over 35%. Not likely, *but possible*...

● **Lt. Governor** - Demo Controller Gray Davis has

no credible opponent in the primary. On the GOP side, State Sen. Cathie Wright and Assemblyman Stan Statham are dead even in the LAT survey (21% each), but Wright is on every major GOP slate and Statham has no money. Sources say Wright should win. If she does not, the rock quarry beckons for her consultant, Carlos Rodriguez. *Yabba-dabba-doo*...

● **Controller** - On the GOP side, this primary continues to be very close between former Assemblyman Tom McClintock and businessman John Morris. Both candidates are on slates, but Morris has TV. However, with an anticipated heavy conservative turnout, sources think McClintock may have a slight edge. And should he *wipe up* in the Inland Empire & Orange Co., then McClintock wins. Otherwise, it might be a long night...

...On the Demo side, businesswoman Kathleen Connell leads in both the LAT & Field surveys. Alameda Co. Sup. Don Perata and Assemblyman Rusty Areias are both on big slates, but have limited TV buys. Connell had a huge \$800,000 TV buy for the final week. Some sources think the edge belongs to Connell...

● **Treasurer** - BOE Member Matt Fong has to be enjoying the *blood bath* taking place on the Demo side between former CDP Chair Phil Angelides and State Sen. David Roberti. Polling indicates Roberti held a lead going into the final week, but Angelides, with more slates and a huge TV buy, was closing the gap rapidly. CALPEEK sources are divided on this race, with perhaps a few more leaning toward Roberti...

● **Secretary of State** - GOP Assemblyman Bill Jones of Fresno is sitting on the sidelines, watching Michael Woo, Assemblywoman Gwen Moore and Acting SOS Tony Miller battle for the Demo nomination. Woo leads in most surveys, has the best name ID and has the

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most money. Moore is on most all of the major Demo slates. But Miller is winning most of the newspaper endorsements and has that great ballot title. With so little attention being paid to his race, most sources continue to rate this primary as a *toss up*...

- **Insurance Commissioner** - On the Demo side, many but not all sources think State Sen. Art Torres will win this primary against Assemblyman Burt Margolin. But in the last week Margolin hit Torres with a new spin on the old DUI stuff -- and that could hurt. Margolin picked up late endorsements from Ralph Nader & L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina. Very close...

...The GOP primary is just as confusing. Assemblyman Chuck Quackenbush is on most of the slates and has TV, but is locked in a tough race with businessman Wes Bannister and consumer affairs exec. Jim Conran. Conran is on 1 major slate and seems to be getting many newspaper endorsements. In a low profile race, this counts. Bottomline: Quackenbush might seem to have an edge, but this primary is *too close to call*...

U.S. Senate & House Primaries

- **U.S. Senate** - Few sources think former Congressman Bill Dannemeyer or Kate Squires can pull 40% between them, meaning millionaire U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington has bought the GOP June primary, spending a record \$6.3 million of his own money. In the closing days of this primary, Dannemeyer has been pestering Huffington about his failure to pay Calif. income taxes from 1988-91, even though his family had their home in Santa Barbara. MH says he was still a Texas resident until 1991, thus he didn't need to pay. A valid reason *unless* he was spending lots of time in Calif. Also, did MH have an office in his Santa Barbara home? And finally, Demo U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein has gone on the attack, hitting the former Texan with this tax thing. DiFi's \$500,000 TV buy runs to about June 14th. P.S. keep you eyes on how the vote goes in Huffington's own 22nd C.D. It could be very interesting...

- **1st C.D.** - Freshman U.S. Rep. Dan Hamburg(D) is expected to win his primary battle with former Demo Congressman Doug Bosco, but may be badly wounded. That's good news for Frank Riggs(R)...

- **41st C.D.** - Freshman U.S. Rep. Jay Kim(R-Dia-

mond Bar) is under siege, but the general feeling among sources is there are too many challengers splitting the anti-Kim vote. The most credible candidate is businesswoman Valerie Romero, who has mailed 3-4 solid hits and sources believe she has closed in on Kim, but not enough. Kim's counter-attack was so personal and vicious that the Daily Bulletin ran an editorial blasting the congressman...

- **43rd C.D.** - Another freshman under siege is U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert(R-Corona), who is in a dogfight with hardline conservative UC Riverside Prof. Joe Khoury. Sources think Calvert will survive, but it could be *very close* because of all the negative fallout from "hookergate," where Calvert finally confessed to having sex in his car last year with a prostitute -- after repeatedly denying such allegations...

- **44th C.D.** - In this GOP primary, sources give a decided edge to former Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono over Riverside Co. Sup. Corky Larson. It's the money, babe. Former Assemblyman Steve Clute will win the Demo primary...

- **22nd C.D.** - In this GOP primary, hardline conservative Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand is locked in a tough battle with Santa Barbara Co. Sup. Mike Stoker to replace U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington. Law enforcement is solid behind Stoker, but putting Seastrand in congress is a top priority for pro-life/hardline conservatives. *Too close to call*...

- **16th C.D.** - In the Demo primary to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Don Edwards(D-San Jose), most all sources agree that former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery will defeat Santa Clara Co. Sup. Zoe Lofgren...

California Legislative Primaries

- **70th A.D.** - The hottest and perhaps most negative GOP primary in this election cycle goes down to the wire in this battle between Barry Hammond, Tom Reinecke and Marilyn Brewer. Most sources still rate the primary as a *toss up*. P.S. Keep your eyes on absentee ballots, because this is where the election could be won or lost by the various rivals...

- **Westside Stories** - CALPEEK sources continue to rate the Demo primaries in the **41st, 42nd & 47th** Assembly Districts as *toss ups*. FYI: in the 42nd, Paul

Koretz got a break when he won a spot on the BAD slate. Also in the 42nd, attorney John Duran mailed 20,000 10-minute videotapes. Very impressive...

- **36th S.D.** - A very high priority for the religious right is the campaign of Assemblyman Ray Haynes(R), who is locked in a tight GOP primary with Riverside Co. Sheriff Cois Byrd to replace retiring State Sen. Bob Presley. Most sources rated the contest as a toss up until very recently, when the Riverside Press Enterprise ran a story about Haynes and his alleged late child support payments. Not good news for Haynes, who is fighting back. FYI: keep your eyes on the turnout in the 36th...

- **45th A.D.** - In this Demo primary for Assemblyman Richard Polanco's seat, CMA money is now flowing into the campaign of Polanco's chief deputy, Bill Mabie. Sources had said that if the money didn't show up for Mabie, Antonio Villaraigosa would win. Now this race is rated a *toss up*...

- **65th A.D.** - In this GOP primary to replace retiring Assemblyman Paul Woodruff, sources believe the battle has narrowed to Moreno Valley businessman Mark Bringham and Yucaipa Councilman Brett Granlund. Bringham was a slight favorite earlier, but now this race has become close, with an edge to Granlund...

- **74th A.D.** - With a huge undecided vote among Republicans, sources are unsure of which way this GOP primary will go. Many sources still think the winner will be Carlsbad tax attorney Howard Kaloogian, because former Del Mar Mayor Ronnie Delany, Del Mar businessman Tim Haidinger and former Vista Mayor Fred Clayton are vying for the same bloc of primary voters. Others say the race is just too close...

- **76th A.D.** - Hardline conservative sources in San Diego believe they have turned the corner on this race and that businessman Bob Trettin will win this GOP primary against business owner Ray Saatjian...

- **33rd A.D.** - What started out as almost a slam dunk for Santa Maria rancher/attorney Joni Gray may turn into a real GOP primary scrap because hardline conservatives say they have finally gotten it together for rancher Tom Bordanero. Hardliners say their mail program is on target and Bordanero is getting help from Seastrand loyalists...

- **20th A.D.** - Fremont businesswoman Liz Figueroa is locked in a tight Demo primary with Milpitas Councilman Bob Livengood --- for the seat being vacated by Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin. Senate President Bill Lockyer(D) has put his prestige on the line for Figueroa. Insiders will be watching closely...

Local Elections

- **Long Beach Mayor's Race** - Frontrunner Beverly O'Neill had better be careful. Councilman Ray Grabinski is walking precincts, and unlike O'Neill, is not ducking community forums. And now, virtually all city employee groups are lined up with Grabinski. Is this enough? O'Neill has the backing of the Press Telegram and recently won an endorsement from Councilman Jeff Kellogg. This race may again boil down to who wins in the voter-rich 3rd & 5th council districts. In the primary, 50% of the votes in the mayor's race came from these two districts...

- **Measures "H" & "I"** - San Francisco is about the only place where the details of planning a rail transportation system get caught up in a political debate. Measures H & I are two different plans to expand the BART system to the S.F. Airport. Measure I, backed by State Sen. Quentin Kopp, recently won the editorial endorsement of the S.F. Examiner --- and most sources in S.F. seem to think that "I" wins this battle, despite the fact that the Air Transport Assn.(airline industry) has tossed \$100,000 behind Measure H...

- **Another Dead Man Situation** - San Jose Councilman George Shirakawa died about 2-3 weeks ago. He was seeking reelection and was considered a slam dunk. He had only two challengers. The San Jose Mercury says both challenges lack experience and therefore is urging voters to elect Shirakawa anyway...

June Ballot Measures

- **Props. 1A, 1B & 1C** - 1A is the \$2 billion Earthquake Recovery Bond Measure, while 1B is a \$1 billion measure for K-12 schools; and 1C is a \$900 million bond measure for colleges. All 3 are cash-starved, but came up with just enough money to be on most of the Demo & GOP slates. Among *likely voters*, 1A & 1B appear safe, while 1C is just hanging on. Nevertheless,

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with a heavy conservative turnout, these bond measures could run into difficulty...

- **Prop. 180** - This is the \$2 billion Parks & Wildlife bond measure put on the ballot via the initiative process. It started out with pretty good support, but has dropped in recent polls. Among likely voters, Prop. 180 is favored by 50%, but opposed by 43%. Unlike the other bond measures, most of the GOP slates are op-posing 180. To combat this, YES on 180 has worked out a deal for its own slate, with a *law & order* theme. In addition, some voters are getting direct mail pitches for 180. Newspapers endorsements are split, with the Orange Co. Register, McClatchy Newspapers and the L.A. Daily News all opposed --- and the L.A. Times, San Diego Union-Tribune and S.F. Chronicle in support. CALPEEK sources think this battle is too close to call. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Political D-Day** - June 6th may be the 50th anniversary of the Allied landings in Europe, but June 6th is also the 16th anniversary of the Jarvis-Gann Prop. 13 victory...

- **The CRP & Bob Carpenter** - In CALPEEK's May 23rd issue, we noted that former CRP executive director Bob Carpenter might be in the dog house for anti-right wing remarks he made in April while attending a Log Cabin Club meeting in L.A. Turns out that Carpenter was finished at the CRP when CALPEEK broke that story. The new acting executive director is the very capable John Peschong. Some sources felt it might have been possible for Carpenter to remain at the CRP --- thinking that former CRP chair Jim Dignan would never see Carpenter's comments (because it's not likely that Jim is an avid reader of the Gay & Lesbian Times). But it turns out that hardline conservatives, when they found out that Carpenter had addressed Log Cabin gay GOPers, went out and got a copy of this newspaper to see if there was a story. There was, and Dignan got a copy...

- **Slate Card Madness** - The CA Republican Party and the CA Democratic Party have been squaring off in court --- over the right of political parties to endorse

candidates for nonpartisan office. In the 1st court battle, GOPers partially blocked distribution of a CDP slate card to 1 million Demo households containing a plug for Delaine Eastin, a candidate for State Supt. of Public Instruction. But the 2nd battle in a federal court has overturned CA's laws banning nonpartisan endorsements, thus the whole CDP slate card can be mailed...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Consultant Harvey Hukari and manager Jackie Campbell have been hired to run the 36th C.D. campaign of GOPER Susan Brooks...

- McNally Temple & Assoc. have been hired to run the 24th C.D. campaign of GOPER Rich Sybert...

- Skelton Grover & Assoc. have been hired to run the 45th A.D. primary campaign of Demo Antonio Villaraigosa...

- Consultant Richie Ross has been hired to run the 45th A.D. primary of Bill Mabie...

- Consultant Dave Gilliard has been hired to run the 65th A.D. campaign of GOP candidate Mark Bringhurst...

- Consultant Steve Presson has been hired to run the 65th A.D. campaign of GOP candidate Brett Granlund...

- Campaign Services, Inc. has been hired to run the 76th A.D. campaign of GOP candidate Ray Saatjian...

- Consultant Jack Orr has been hired to run the 76th A.D. campaign of GOP candidate Bob Trettin...

- McNally Temple & Assoc. have been hired to run the 56th A.D. campaign of GOP candidate Phil Hawkins...

- Consultant Richie Ross has been hired to run the reelection campaign of Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris...

- S.F.-based Terris & Jaye have been hired to run the campaign of Oakland mayor candidate Mary King...